

DROUGHT STATUS HISTORY: 2001 - 2022

The information in this table dates to 2001, when the *Massachusetts Drought Management Plan* (the Plan) was first developed in response to a period of deficient precipitation, starting in 1999. The most severe drought of modern times was the drought of the 1960s, equivalent to a drought emergency. See Appendix H of the Plan for more details on droughts prior to 2001:
<https://www.mass.gov/doc/massachusetts-drought-management-plan/download>

			Drought Level by Region					
Month	Year	Western	CT River Valley	Central	Northeast	Southeast	Cape & Islands	
11/1/2001 through 12/31/2002								
November	2001	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	
December	2001	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	
January	2002	Advisory	Watch	Watch	Watch	Advisory	Advisory	
February	2002	Watch	Watch	Watch	Watch	Watch	Watch	
March	2002	Watch	Watch	Watch	Watch	Watch	Watch	
April	2002	Watch	Watch	Watch	Watch	Watch	Watch	
May	2002	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	
June	2002	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	
July	2002	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Watch	Watch	
August	2002	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Watch	Watch	
September	2002	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Watch	Watch	
October	2002	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	
November	2002	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Advisory	
December	2002	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Advisory	
January	2003	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	
9/1/2007 through 1/31/2008								
September	2007	Normal	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Normal	
October	2007	Normal	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Normal	
November	2007	Normal	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Normal	
December	2007	Normal	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Normal	
January	2007	Normal	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Normal	
February	2008	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	
7/1/2010 through 9/30/2010								
July	2010	Normal	Normal	Advisory	Advisory	Normal	Normal	
August	2010	Normal	Normal	Advisory	Advisory	Normal	Normal	
September	2010	Normal	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Normal	Normal	
October	2010	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	
9/1/2014 through 11/30/2014								
September	2014	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Advisory	Advisory	
October	2014	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Advisory	Advisory	
November	2014	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Advisory	Advisory	
December	2014	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	
6/1/2016 through 3/31/2017								
June	2016	Normal	Advisory	Watch	Watch	Advisory	Normal	
July	2016	Advisory	Watch	Warning	Warning	Watch	Advisory	
August	2016	Advisory	Watch	Warning	Warning	Warning	Watch	
September	2016	Watch	Warning	Warning	Warning	Warning	Watch	
October	2016	Warning	Warning	Warning	Warning	Warning	Advisory	
November	2016	Warning	Warning	Warning	Warning	Warning	Advisory	
December	2016	Warning	Warning	Warning	Watch	Warning	Advisory	
January	2017	Watch	Warning	Watch	Advisory	Warning	Advisory	
February	2017	Advisory	Watch	Advisory	Advisory	Watch	Advisory	
March	2017	Normal	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory	
April	2017	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	

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The Drought Mangement Plan was revised in 2019. All following entries reflect these changes.								
		Drought Level by Region						
Month	Year	Western	CT River Valley	Central	Northeast	Southeast	Cape Cod	Islands
9/1/2019 through 9/30/2019								
September	2019	Normal	Mild Drought	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
October	2019	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
5/1/2020 through 11/30/2020								
May	2020	Significant Drought	Significant Drought	Significant Drought	Significant Drought	Normal	Normal	Normal
June	2020	Significant Drought	Significant Drought	Significant Drought	Mild Drought	Normal	Mild Drought	Normal
July	2020	Significant Drought	Significant Drought	Significant Drought	Significant Drought	Significant Drought	Significant Drought	Significant Drought
August	2020	Significant Drought	Significant Drought	Significant Drought	Significant Drought	Significant Drought	Significant Drought	Significant Drought
September	2020	Significant Drought	Significant Drought	Significant Drought	Significant Drought	Critical Drought	Significant Drought	Significant Drought
				Millers Basin-Critical Drought	Charles Basin-Critical Drought			
October	2020	Mild Drought	Mild Drought	Mild Drought	Mild Drought	Significant Drought	Significant Drought	Mild Drought
		Mild Drought	Mild Drought	Nashua Basin-Significant Drought		Significant Drought	Significant Drought	
November	2020	Mild Drought	Mild Drought	Mild Drought	Mild Drought	Mild Drought	Mild Drought	Mild Drought
December	2020	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
2/1/2021 through 8/31/2021								
February	2021	Mild Drought	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
March	2021	Mild Drought	Mild Drought	Mild Drought	Mild Drought	Significant Drought	Mild Drought	Normal
April	2021	Mild Drought	Mild Drought	Mild Drought	Normal	Normal	Mild Drought	Normal
May	2021	Mild Drought	Normal	Normal	Normal	Mild Drought	Mild Drought	Normal
June	2021	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Mild Drought	Normal
July	2021	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Mild Drought	Normal
August	2021	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Mild Drought	Normal
September	2021	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
4/1/2022 - on-going								
April	2022	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Mild Drought	Normal	Mild Drought
May	2022	Normal	Mild Drought	Mild Drought	Significant Drought	Significant Drought	Normal	Mild Drought
June	2022	Mild Drought	Significant Drought	Significant Drought	Significant Drought	Significant Drought	Normal	Mild Drought
July (through mid-month)	2022	Mild Drought	Significant Drought	Critical Drought	Critical Drought	Significant Drought	Mild Drought	Mild Drought
July	2022	Mild Drought	Critical Drought	Critical Drought	Critical Drought	Critical Drought	Significant Drought	Mild Drought
August (through mid-month)	2022	Significant Drought	Critical Drought	Critical Drought	Critical Drought	Critical Drought	Critical Drought	Significant Drought
August	2022	Significant Drought	Critical Drought	Critical Drought	Critical Drought	Significant Drought	Critical Drought	Significant Drought
September	2022	Normal	Mild Drought	Mild Drought	Significant Drought	Mild Drought	Significant Drought	Significant Drought
on going								
		Level 0-Normal	Level 1-Mild Drought	Level 2-Significant Drought	Level 3-Critical Drought	Level 4 - Emergency		